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ABBOTS HAY MANOR

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LORDSHIP / TITLE ASSOCIATIONS

ABOUT THE MANOR

Abbotshay, also recorded as Abbotshay Farm, is a rural locality and historic farmstead at Tanyard Lane, in the Codicote parish area of Hertfordshire, close to Ayot St Lawrence. Historic England records Abbotshay and adjoining barns as a Grade II-listed farmhouse and barn range: the farmhouse is of later seventeenth-century timber-framed construction, recased in red brick in the late eighteenth century, with adjoining late seventeenth-century timber-framed barns. The site lies at approximately National Grid Reference TL 19474 17501. Historic England also records Abbotshay Farm as the northern entrance to the park associated with Ayot House, with a drive running south through the park. The available public sources do not establish whether Abbotshay was a separate territorial manor, a named portion of another manor, or an estate/farm subsequently entered in the Manorial Documents Register under this name. It should not be conflated with the principal manor of Codicote or with the manor of Ayot St Lawrence without further documentary evidence.

OWNERSHIP / HOLDER ACCOUNT

No secure ownership descent for a distinct Abbotshay or Abbotshay Manor has been established from the accessible public sources. The Victoria County History coverage identified for Codicote discusses the principal manor of Codicote, while Historic England discusses Abbotshay as a farmstead and as an access point within the Ayot House park estate; neither source provides a documented sequence of lords or conveyances for Abbotshay Manor itself. The known association of Abbotshay Farm with the Ayot House park does not by itself prove that the owners of Ayot St Lawrence held Abbotshay Manor, and no such conveyance has been entered.

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